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Applicant : Richard E. Durkot et al.
Serial No. : 08/905,254
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Examiner : Monique Wills

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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

This statement is being filed with a continued prosecution application.

The negative electrode in commercial battery (AQ) included zinc/mercury alloy particles including up to 7% by weight zinc/mercury alloy particles having a -200 mesh size or smaller. The zinc alloy included about 0.15% mercury. Various other commercial batteries included negative electrodes with significantly smaller quantities of zinc/mercury alloy particles having a -200 mesh size or smaller.

The negative electrode in another commercial battery (AR) included zinc alloy particles including approximately 1% zinc alloy particles having a -200 mesh size or smaller. The zinc alloy included small quantities of indium and/or bismuth.

The negative electrode in another commercial battery (AS) included zinc alloy particles including approximately 0.3% zinc alloy particles having a -325 mesh size or smaller. The zinc alloy included small quantities of indium and/or bismuth.

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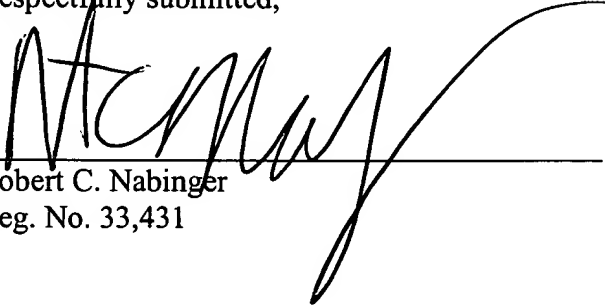
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Applicants believe that all of the above commercial batteries were sold in the United States more than one year before the original filing date of the parent application. Applicants reserve the right to further investigate this issue in the future if appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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